IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: "DERIVATIVES OF GROWTH

HORMONE AND RELATED PROTEINS, AND METHODS OF

USE THEREOF""

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Examiner: Lucas, Z.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(See NX. PS)

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.